

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

{1} 1. (Currently amended) A connecting terminal including a connecting portion formed in a rectangular tube having a top plate to which a locking lancer provided in a housing is to be engaged, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a stabilizer portion for stabilizing a posture of the connecting terminal within the housing is provided on a bottom plate of said connecting portion to extend in a longitudinal direction.

{2} 2. (Currently amended) The connecting terminal according to claim 1, wherein said connecting terminal is formed by punching, bending and folding a single metal plate.

{3} 3. (Currently amended) The connecting terminal according to claim 1, wherein said stabilizer is formed on the bottom plate eccentrically.

{4} 4. (Currently amended) The connecting terminal according to claim 1 ~~or 2 or 3~~, wherein said connecting portion of the connecting terminal is formed in a shape of a rectangular tube surrounded by the bottom plate, a first side plate connected to one side of the bottom plate, a top plate connected to the first side plate, a second side plate connected to the top plate, and the stabilizer portion connected to the second side plate.

~~15~~ 5. (Currently amended) The connecting terminal according to ~~any one of claims 1-4~~ claim 1, wherein said stabilizer portion is curved downwardly in a semicircular shape and a free end of the stabilizer portion is brought into contact with the bottom plate.

~~16~~ 6. (Currently amended) The connecting terminal according to claim 1, wherein said connecting portion includes resilient contact strips formed within the connecting portion, and each of said movable contact strips is formed by a part of the connecting portion from a rear side toward a front side.

7. (New) The connecting terminal according to claim 2, wherein said connecting portion of the connecting terminal is formed in a shape of a rectangular tube surrounded by the bottom plate, a first side plate connected to one side of the bottom plate, a top plate connected to the first side plate, a second side plate connected to the top plate, and the stabilizer portion connected to the second side plate.

8. (New) The connecting terminal according to claim 3, wherein said connecting portion of the connecting terminal is formed in a shape of a rectangular tube surrounded by the bottom plate, a first side plate connected to one side of the bottom plate, a top plate connected to the first side plate, a second

side plate connected to the top plate, and the stabilizer portion connected to the second side plate.

9. (New) The connecting terminal according to claim 2, wherein said stabilizer portion is curved downwardly in a semicircular shape and a free end of the stabilizer portion is brought into contact with the bottom plate.

10. (New) The connecting terminal according to claim 3, wherein said stabilizer portion is curved downwardly in a semicircular shape and a free end of the stabilizer portion is brought into contact with the bottom plate.

11. (New) The connecting terminal according to claim 4, wherein said stabilizer portion is curved downwardly in a semicircular shape and a free end of the stabilizer portion is brought into contact with the bottom plate.

12. (New) The connecting terminal according to claim 7, wherein said stabilizer portion is curved downwardly in a semicircular shape and a free end of the stabilizer portion is brought into contact with the bottom plate.

13. (New) The connecting terminal according to claim 8, wherein said stabilizer portion is curved downwardly in a semicircular shape and a free end of the stabilizer portion is

brought into contact with the bottom plate.